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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 11, 13, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2003-315656 to Senba, et al. (Senba). In addition, claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Senba. Finally, claims 3-9, 12 and 14-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

A brief summary of the Senba reference may be helpful. Senba discloses a mobile handset that includes a digital camera. The handset includes a vibrator, which vibrates to inform a user of an incoming mail (see paragraph 0016). The vibrator includes a motor having a revolving shaft and an eccentric member that is coupled to the revolving shaft (see paragraph 0016). Also, the camera includes a taking lens, a lens attachment component and a lens frame (see paragraphs 0014 and 0016). When the motor of the vibrator is activated, the eccentric member strikes the lens attachment component, which causes the lens frame to move and hence, the taking lens is adjusted (see paragraphs 0018-0022). In view of this configuration, the eccentric member will strike the lens attachment whenever the motor of the vibrator is energized, including when the user receives an incoming message. Indeed, the eccentric member is *fixed* to the shaft of the motor (see paragraph 0016). As such, the motor is engaged with the camera assembly at all times.

Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to clarify that the motor is disengaged from the camera assembly in the first mode of operation, or the vibration mode. Support for the amendments can be found on page 3, line 17 to page 4, line 22. No new matter has been added in view of these amendments. This feature is in direct

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contrast with Senba because, as noted above, the motor in Senba is constantly engaged with the camera assembly. The present invention is an improvement over Senba in that the receipt of incoming alerts will not necessarily interfere with the adjustment of the camera. Moreover, the selective disengagement of the motor in the current invention permits better control over the process of focusing the camera because it allows for the reduction in the speed of the motor.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 13 are patentable over the prior art. Applicants also believe that those claims that depend from these independent claims are patentable, both based on their dependencies on the independent claims and their patentability on their own. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested. Passing of this case is now believed to be in order, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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